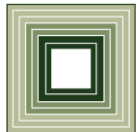


The North Carolina Judicial System: Family Courts

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Family Court



- Consolidate all of a family's legal issues before a single District Court judge or team of judges
- Cases involving:
 - juvenile delinquency
 - abuse, neglect and dependency allegations
 - termination of parental rights
 - domestic violence
 - child custody and visitation rights
 - divorce and related financial issues
- 13 of 42 districts
- Cost: \$2.9 M for 45.75 FTE
- Statewide Expansion: \$9.6 M for 110 FTE

District Court Districts and Counties with Family Court

District	Counties	Percentage of State Population
3A	Pitt	1.8%
5	New Hanover, Pender	2.7%
6A	Halifax	0.6%
8	Greene, Lenoir, Wayne	2.1%
10	Wake	9.7%
12	Cumberland	3.4%
14	Durham	2.9%
19B	Randolph, Montgomery	1.7%
20A	Anson, Richmond, Stanly	1.4%
20B	Union	2.1%
25	Burke, Caldwell, Catawba	3.4%
26	Mecklenburg	9.9%
28	Buncombe	2.5%
13 Districts	21 Counties	44.2%

Family Court Personnel, Sept. 2014

- Total FTE: 45.75
- FC Administrator FTE: 10
- FC Case Coordinator FTE: 31.75
- FC Judicial Assistant: 4
- Vacant FTE: 3

Family Court Caseflow

- FC Districts had 47.6 percent of all district court civil domestic cases disposed in FY 2012-13.
- FC districts are significantly less likely to have district court civil domestic cases pending for more than a year.

District Court Civil Domestic Cases, FY 2012-13

	Case Clearance Rate	Number of Cases Disposed	Number of Cases Pending More Than A Year
Family Court Districts	101.2%	45,448	18.8%
Non-Family Court Districts	96.3%	50,091	51.0%

Source: AOC